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condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: May 6, steamship *Gwent*, number of crew, 15; number of passengers from this port, none; number of passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. May 8, steamship *Spero*, number of crew, 18; number of passengers from this port, none; number of passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

W. B. ROBERTSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Puerto Cortez—Fruit port.

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, May 14, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended May 14, 1902:

Population according to census of 1896, 1,856. Present officially estimated population, 2,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from small-pox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none. Prevailing disease, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: May 8, steamship *Breakwater*, number of crew, 40; number of passengers from this port, 6; pieces of baggage disinfected, 11. May 10, steamship *Hiram*, number of crew, 15; number of passengers from this port, 4; pieces baggage disinfected, 2.

Respectfully,

S. H. BACKUS,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

ITALY.

Report from Naples.

NAPLES, ITALY, May 5, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended May 3, 1902, the following ships were inspected at Naples:

April 29, the steamship *Regina Elena*, of the Navigazione Generale Italiana, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 695 steerage passengers and 75 pieces of large baggage; 1,200 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

April 30, the steamship *Algeria*, of the Anchor Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed, 1,074 steerage passengers and 160 pieces of large baggage; 1,400 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

April 30, the steamship *Gallia*, of the Fabre Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1,111 steerage passengers and 90 pieces of large baggage; 1,100 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

April 30, the steamship *Sicilia*, of the Navigazione Generale Italiana, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 944 steerage passengers and 50 pieces of large baggage; 1,200 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

May 1, the steamship *Trave*, of the North German Lloyd Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 670 steerage passengers and 50 pieces of large baggage; 800 pieces of small baggage were disinfected by steam.

May 3, the steamship *Cambroman*, of the Dominion Line, bound with passengers and cargo for Boston. There were inspected and passed 964 steerage passengers and 160 pieces of large baggage; 1,200 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

May 3, the steamship *Balilla*, of the Celli Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1,088 steerage passengers and 130 pieces of large baggage; 1,300 pieces of small baggage were disinfected by steam.

Respectfully,

J. M. EAGER,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—A death from plague at Kobe, April 22.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, April 28, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith abstract of the bills of health issued at this office during the week ended April 26.

The port of Yokohama remains free from quarantinable disease. During the past week there were officially reported 2 cases of enteric fever with 1 death; also 1 case of dysentery. On the 22d instant there was a death from plague at Kobe, since which date no case of quarantinable disease has been reported to me as occurring in Japan proper—i. e., outside of Formosa.

Respectfully,

DUNLOP MOORE.

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

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MEXICO.

Report from Vera Cruz—Increase in yellow fever.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, May 11, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended May 10:

There were reported 17 cases and 9 deaths from yellow fever, 2 cases of smallpox, and 44 deaths from all causes. Twelve new cases of yellow fever were reported yesterday. From the distribution of the cases in different parts of the city and the decided increase of the disease in twenty-four hours, it looks as if there would be plenty more cases during the summer.

Respectfully,

S. H. HODGSON.

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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